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Mr. Howard Simons
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Washington, D. C. 20005

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Dear Mr. Simons:

I have been informed by the staff of the National Executive Institute that the dinner and discussion with members of The Washington Post staff on March 18, 1977, were the highlight of the current session. The fact that you were willing to donate your time to be with these executives is indicative of your personal concern for the problems of law enforcement and also the high degree of professionalism of The Washington Post.

The occasion made a deep and lasting impression on the participants and I believe that it may well mark a new beginning in police/press relations. There seems to be a growing number of social problems which affect our respective institutions in a similar way. Considering the seriousness of these problems, we must continue to work together if we are going to achieve a significant reduction in this blight of criminal behavior which plagues us all.

Once again, thank you for your hospitality, and if I can ever be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call.

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Sincerely yours,
Clarence Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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